

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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Dear George:

Thank you for the very
symbolic Christmas memento --
the Nathan Hale tie.

And let me say on behalf
of all my colleagues in CIA, we
only regret that you had but
one year to give to your Agency.

But what a year... you
have been a leader, an inspiration,
and an innovator serving as
the bridge from the past to
the new.

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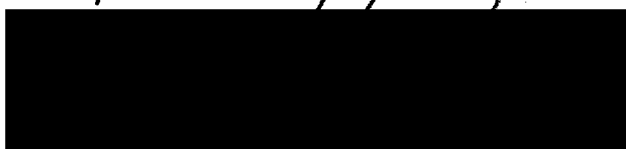
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*you have helped to reform us
but you have recognized us in
intelligence work as professionals
dedicated to decency and the
cause of freedom.*

*By learning to know us
and by helping to preserve
intelligence as an essential
part of the American system,
you have honored us and
distinguished yourself.*

*All of us wish you,
Barbara and your family
all of the best in the times ahead.*

Faithfully yours,



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